

for improvement of their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government and Reserve Bank of India have taken a series of measures to improve the performance and profitability of the public sector banks. These include augmentation of their capital, rationalisation of service charges and interest rates structure and levy of commitment charges unutilised portion of operation limits. Banks have also been advised to take measures to control expenditure on consumption of petroleum, publicity etc., draw up action plans to improve their operational efficiency and take steps to strengthen their viability and profitability by means of effective business planning and development.

[Translation]

#### Elections in Cantonment Boards

5044. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:  
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA  
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elections to the Cantonment Boards have been held recently;

(b) if so, the details of the results thereof;

(c) the Cantonment Boards in which elections have been conducted and the Cantonments where it is yet to be conducted;

(d) the date on which the elections are proposed to be conducted in the rest of the

Cantonments;

(e) whether the Government have received several complaints regarding irregularities and rigging during the elections;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Elections to 56 out of the 62 Cantonment Boards were held on 2.2.1992.

(b): The results of the elections have been notified in the official gazette vide SRO No. 9-E dated 3.3.1992.

(c): A list of Cantonment Boards in respect of which elections were held is enclosed in the statement 'A'. Elections to Cantonment Boards of Dehradun, Fatehgarh, Ambala, Khasyol, Jammu and Badami Bagh are yet to be conducted.

(d) Elections to Cantonment Boards Dehradun and Fatehgarh on completion of their normal term are scheduled for 12.4.1992. Elections to Cantonment Boards Amaia and Khasyol will be due in July 1992 and December 1992, respectively, on expiry of the present tenures of these Boards. It has been decided not to conduct elections to Cantonment Boards of Jammu and Badami Bagh immediately, due to administrative reasons.

(e) to (g). On the basis of reports from the Polling Officers and the Returning Officer, Secunderabad Cantt, of snatching of Ballot papers and rigging in 3 Polling Stations, the president, Cantonment Board, had adjourned polling in Booth Nos. 64 and 77 in Ward No. 4 and Booth No. 90 in ward No. 5. Repolling in these 3 Polling Stations has since been peacefully conducted on 8.3. 1992.

Though a few complaints alleging certain irregularities and stray incidents have been received from the public of Delhi, St. Thomas Mount, Jalandhar, Meerut, Kanpur, Danapur, Ferozepur, Lansdowne and Barrackpore Cantonments, no such reports have been received from the Presidents of the concerned Cantonment Boards.

### STATEMENT

*List of cantonment Boards in which Elections were Conducted on 2.2.1992.*

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Cantonment Board</i>
1.	Agra
2.	Ajmer
3.	Ahmedabad
4.	Ahmednagar
5.	Allahabad
6.	Almora
7.	Amritsar
8.	Aurangabad
9.	Babina
10.	Bakloh
11.	Bareilly
12.	Barrackpore
13.	Belgaum
14.	Cannanore
15.	Chakrata
16.	Clement Town

17.	Dagshai
18.	Dalhousie
19.	Danapur
20.	Dehu Road
21.	Delhi
22.	Deolali
23.	Faizabad
24.	Ferozepur
25.	Jabalpur
26.	Jalandhar
27.	Jalapahar
28.	Jhansi
29.	Jutogh
30.	Kamptee
31.	Kanpur
32.	Kasauli
33.	Kirkee
34.	Landour
35.	Lansdowne
36.	Lebong
37.	Lucknow
38.	Mathura
39.	Meerut
40.	Mhow

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the</i>
41.	Mohar
42.	Nainital
43.	Nasirabad
44.	Pachmarhi
45.	Pune
46.	Ramgarh
47.	Ranikhet
48.	Roorkee
49.	Saugor
50.	Secunderabad
51.	Shahajahanpur
52.	Shillong
53.	St. Thomas Mount
54.	Subathu
55.	Varanasi
56.	Wellington

#### **Loans Advance By Banks**

5045. SHRI JAGMIT SINGH BRAR:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether order of priority has been fixed by the nationalised banks for grant of loans;

(b) if so, the details in this regard serial-wise and sector-wise;

(c) the amount of loans distributed dur-

ing each of the last three years, priority-wise;

(d) whether the Government have ever assessed the annual requirements of fund for these priority sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The sectors which require assistance from the banking system having preference over other sectors due to their importance and the role played by them in the national economy are included in the priority sector. At present, agriculture and small scale industries are the two major segments of priority sector. The details of each category of borrowers entitled to priority sector lendings are given in the enclosed statement-I. All banks are under instructions of the Reserve Bank of India that at least 40% of their advances should be granted to borrowers in the priority sector and at least 25% of the priority sector advances or 10% of the total advances should be granted to weaker sections in the priority sector which comprise (i) small and marginal farmers, landless labourers, tenant farmers and share croppers (ii) artisans, village and cottage industries (iii) Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) beneficiaries (iv) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) beneficiaries (v) SC/ST beneficiaries and (vi) Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) beneficiaries. In addition to above, banks are also required to provide 18% of their total advances as direct finance to the agriculture sector.

(c) the sector-wise amount of outstanding loans extended by public sector banks as at the end of December 1988, September 1989 and March 1990 (latest available) are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

(d) and (e). Under the Service Area Approach to rural lending introduced with